

POLICY BULLETIN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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SUBJECT: Reminder of availability of translated free and reduced price applications

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Since 1992 FNS has made translations of the prototype free and reduced price school meal application materials available electronically on our website. This allows members of households who are of limited English proficiency (LEP) to better understand the process and to apply for free and reduced price meals with as little difficulty as possible.

In an effort to facilitate program access and the communication between the Local Educational Agencies and the household, FNS expanded the number of its translations to twenty five different languages. The translated application package includes the letter to the household, the free and reduced price school meals application, the notification of selection for verification of eligibility and the letter of verification results. The translated application package also includes optional materials that may be provided to the household in order to facilitate, at the family's discretion, the sharing of information with Medicaid/SCHIP and other qualified programs.

The twenty five languages include: Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese (Mandarin), Farsi, French, Greek, Haitian, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Kurdish, Laotian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Spanish, Sudanese, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

The translations have been posted in Word and PDF format on the following website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/FRP/frp.process.htm>. We also would like to inform you that there are no changes to the prototype application materials this year.